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To: All RSOs
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Informational Notice: New Industrial Radiography Certification Exam
Computer-Based Testing

The Illinois Industrial Radiography Exam is now set up for computer-based testing!

The Illinois Emergency Management Agency's Industrial Radiography Certification Program (Agency) is pleased to announce the implementation of computer-based, on-line testing for its Industrial Radiography Certification exam. This has been a collaborated effort involving the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD), the Texas Department of Health Services Radiation Control Program (Texas), the various certifying states and Pearson VUE, a service company specializing in computer-based testing with over 200 test centers through-out the United States. As such we all believe that the exam process will be safer, more accessible and easier to navigate for all interested parties.

The Agency has updated the Industrial Radiography exam form. The applicants name, as it is on the form, will need to match their driver's license or a government ID and have a valid email address as this is the form of communication. The ID is required to enter the exam facility. **If the names do not match, the facility may turn the applicant away.**

The application process will remain basically unchanged. To start the process an application will need to be submitted to the Agency. Once the application and \$150 fee are received, the Agency will process the information. The applicant will receive an email (valid personal email address is required) from Pearson VUE and will have 60 days to register for the exam. The email will contain the directions on how to register and will request a separate \$50 processing fee with payment instructions. When registered, the applicant will be able to choose a location that would be most convenient for them.

After the applicant has received the email from Pearson VUE, it is strongly recommended that applicant register as soon as possible. If cancellation or an extension is necessary, it must be 48 hours prior to the scheduled exam. No shows will result in forfeiture of exam fees unless for an acceptable reason as noted by Pearson VUE.

Immediately after taking the exam, the results and test score will be displayed on the computer screen. This is the official grade, it will not change, and will be provided to the Agency. As such, the Agency will not be sending grades, since the examinee will also know if they failed and can then submit the appropriate application for reexamination.

In approximately 3 to 4 days, the Agency will receive the exam scores to verify a passing grade (70) for certification. The certification process (application and \$125 fee) has not changed. Initial certifications will still require RSO sign-off on minimal work experience. A failing grade will require another application, for taking the exam, and fee for processing.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

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